



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**'Achievement for Everyone'**

11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Book Club**

Thank you to all parents and pupils for your interest and support with this year's book club. You managed to raise a whopping £276 worth of books for the school! Thank you so much for your support.



**Twitter**

Please can I remind parents that we now have Twitter account. If you would like to follow us, please find us on Twitter @croftcofe and make a follower request. When we recognise parents and carers we will let you in to follow our tweets! We are in the early stages of its use so would greatly appreciate any feedback as it develops. Thank you.

**Mothing Sunday**

Thank you to Viv, staff, pupils and parents for a wonderful service at St Peter's on Sunday. It was lovely!

**Parent Information Evening for Y1/Y2 and Y6 pupils**

Thank you to parents of pupils in Y1, Y2 and Y6 who attended this week's information sessions regarding phonics and SAT tests. Also, thank you to Mrs McManus and Miss Rogan for arranging and delivering the events. The slide shows will be available on the website very soon!

**Scarlett Fever**

**We have had a case of scarlett fever.**

**Bug**

*We continue to have lots of children poorly this week with what seems to be a sickness related bug. We are encouraging pupils and staff to wash their hands thoroughly and more frequently to stop the bug from spreading. In line with the guidance from the Public Health Agency, parents should keep their children off school for a **minimum of 48hrs** from the last episode of vomiting. Thank you for your support with this.*

**Have a great weekend everybody!**

**Mr Robson**

**Headteacher's Awards**

This week's awards for good behaviour, consideration and effort are awarded to (Rec), Jasmine Usher (Y1), Pietro Percovich (Y2), Scarlett Farrow (Y3), Emily Ford (Y4), Lola Luck (Y5) and Harry Laviolette(Y6)

**Well done to all of the runners who took part in the cross country! As a school we have done really well with 4 people making it to the finals! Children who took part were a credit to the school. It was a really enjoyable (albeit cold) afternoon. Myself, Mrs Schmidt and Mrs Taylor were particularly impressed with the team-spirit and support shown by all the children.**

**Mr Berriman**

**Class 4:**

**Year 6:** Next week, we will be focussing on fractions in Maths and continuing to look closely at journalistic writing and practising the skills involved in writing a newspaper article.

**Year 5:** Next week, we will be writing our hot write of our poems. We have worked really hard to find out about lots of different poems and I can't wait to see what the children write! In Maths we will be looking at interpreting line graphs.

**Class3:** We will be continuing our work on narrative writing In English with a focus on character descriptions. In Maths, we will be finishing our work on fractions. We will also be starting to rehearse for the Easter Service.

**Class 2:** We will be moving on in English to information texts about a komodo dragon. In Maths we will be completing work on time and moving on to other measures including length, weight and capacity. Our topic focus is ways to attack a castle. Please continue to send in any boxes and tubes for our model castles.

**Early Years:**

Unfortunately, Mrs Prudhoe has had some sad news this week and will not be in school for a little while. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

If you have any questions about what pupils are currently learning, please see Mrs Jones, Mrs Turnbull or Miss Gray. Thank you for your continued support.

**Events week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> March	12.30 Climate Cops CI 3 Afterschool Tennis Club (this is an outdoor event) 3.30 SAT club
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Piano and woodwind lessons Discoverers
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Violin lessons 12.15: Class 4 Girls football
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Guitar Lessons 12.15 Cross Country Club
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief Day KS2 lunchtime football Karate

**Friends of Croft School**

Unfortunately there was an error in the letter about Thorntons Easter eggs which was sent out yesterday. We have now been told that the children will not be able to ice their own eggs. Instead, Thorntons will personalise them.. Please can you include the name you need on the egg on your order form. We apologise for the confusion.

**Year 6 SATs revision clubs**

Starting next week, SATs revision clubs will be taking place on Mondays 3.30 – 4.30 Reading revision for all Year sixes. In addition to this, your child will be given a letter which will inform you which of the following Maths revision clubs they will be invited to attend: Thursday 8.30 – 9 or Friday 8.30 -9. On Tuesday lunchtimes from 12 – 1, Miss Rogan will also be holding a 'drop in' session for all Year 6 pupils who have any SATs related queries or would like support with any learning. All sessions will run until the week before SATs.

### Glee Club

Unfortunately, due to SATs revision now taking place on Mondays after school, Glee Club will be cancelled until 9<sup>th</sup> May when it will resume.

**St Peter's Church, Croft:** No service this week

**Christian Value:** Respect

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's have started issuing Active Kids Vouchers. Please start collecting and sending into school. Thank you

### Marie Curie Cancer Care

Daffodils pins, sold in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care are on sale in school for £1 each.

### Croft Out of School Club Holiday Club Opening 2016

Activity programmes for the Easter holidays will be issued today.

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Dates open</b>
Easter	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Spring Week	Closed
Summer	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> , Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2016
September 2016	To be confirmed

### School Council – stamps

Please keep reminding friends and family that we are collecting used stamps for the RNIB. We are helping to raise money by recycling something we normally would throw away. Thank you for your support.

### World Book Day

What a fantastic day it was! All of the children made such an effort with their book character costumes – it was so lovely to see. There was a great buzz around reading so thank you very much to everyone for their effort and contribution towards helping us celebrate World Book Day. The children have a wonderful day sharing their favourite books and talking about their favourite characters.

### EPICH Kids

EPICH (Eco People in Croft and Hurworth) are holding a family fun morning for children ages 3 – 11 at Grange Community Centre on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 12pm. There will be a nature trail and children will have the opportunity to make a bird feeder to take home. EPICH would love to see you there if you can make it. All children must be accompanied by an adult and be clothed for outdoor activity.

### Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is given to schools to support children on Free School Meals and children of Service families to achieve nationally expected levels of achievement, wherever possible, and to ensure good progress. It is given for 6 years and when a child transfers to

secondary school, it goes with them. Children aged 3 and 4 are now eligible for this funding.

Please let us know if you think your child may be eligible.

### Children Not Yet of School Age

Please make sure to let us know if you have any younger children who are not yet in school or in our admissions book. This will ensure that you receive information about nursery places in good time.

### Text Messaging

Please ensure that the mobile number we have for you is up to date.



### Allergen Information

Is available for all school meals so if you have any concerns or require any information please ring or call into school. More information about food allergens can be found on the Food Standards Agency website. It is very important that you keep school informed of any food allergies or intolerances affecting your child.

### Guidance on Infection Control

A copy of the HSC (Public Health Agency) guidance on infection control in schools can now be found on our school web site [croftprimaryschool.org](http://croftprimaryschool.org) This gives details of the recommended periods that children should be kept away from school during specific illnesses.

Don't forget to visit our web site at [croftprimaryschool.org](http://croftprimaryschool.org)